

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2018-217-E

In Re:

Procedure Addressing Implementation of South Carolina General Assembly House Bill 4375, Including Provision of an Experimental Rate as Referenced in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-34-20

**PROPOSED ORDER ESTABLISHING
TARIFF AND BILLING PROCEDURES
FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TERMS OF
HOUSE BILL 4375**

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”), having convened a special Commission business meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018, to consider the above-captioned matter and the procedure for addressing implementation of South Carolina General Assembly House Bill 4375 (“H. 4375”), including the provision of an experimental rate as referenced in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-34-20, hereby enters this order directing South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) to take the following actions in compliance with H. 4375:

SCE&G has computed the rate increases authorized by the six revised rates orders referenced by H. 4375 (the “2011-2016 Revised Rate Orders”) for each of its 25 retail electric rates and for each billing component applicable under those rates. SCE&G has submitted to the Commission its calculations of the rate decrements required to remove those increases from current rates. These rate decrements are shown on the proposed tariff sheets submitted by SCE&G in this docket and are designated the “H. 4375 Decrement Rider.” The Commission hereby orders SCE&G to implement the H. 4375 Decrement Rider on a temporary basis during the pendency of the proceedings currently before the Commission in Docket No. 2017-370-E.

SCE&G shall implement the H. 4375 Decrement Rider beginning with bills rendered on or after the first billing cycle of August 2018, and continuing through the last billing cycle of December 2018, unless an order on the merits is entered in Docket No. 2017-370-E and becomes effective before the latter date. It is the intention of the Commission that the decrement rider shall cease to have effect when the order referenced above becomes effective. SCE&G shall notify the Commission in writing if difficulties arise with meeting this timeline for implementing the decrement rider.

In addition, SCE&G is ordered to provide its retail electric customers with one-time bill credits reflecting from the amounts that were billed to each such customer under the 2011-2016 Revised Rate Orders during the billing months of April, May, June and July 2018. SCE&G shall provide these bill credits as a separately stated line item for bills issued in the August 2018 billing cycle. The credits due to each customer shall be computed based on each customer's billing determinants for the four months indicated above, and shall be provided to retail electric customers receiving bills during the August 2018 billing cycle. SCE&G shall notify the Commission in writing if difficulties arise with meeting this timeline.

The Commission adopts this implementation schedule under the authority granted to it by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-2120 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Reg. R. 103-853(A). The Commission finds that it is reasonably necessary that implementation of the above-described rate changes and refund credits should take place during the first billing cycle of August 2018 to ensure accurate and orderly implementation of those rate changes and refund credits. The Commission makes this finding in light of the facts on the record of this proceeding indicating the need for accuracy in computing and presenting these billing changes and refunds, the need to ensure that customer

contact personnel are fully trained to respond to customer inquiries on these matters before revised bills are issued, and the time required to ensure that this can be done.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Elliott F. Elam, Jr., Vice Chairman